

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Kentucky women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the development and strength of our Commonwealth in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky women have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of life of the Commonwealth by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and
- WHEREAS, 2010 marks the 162nd anniversary of the Women's Rights Movement, which served as the impetus by which many women's rights were secured: the right to vote, the right to reproductive freedom, improved employment rights, and increased political representation; and
- WHEREAS, In addition to securing rights of suffrage and equal opportunity for their gender, women have served as leaders of every major progressive social change movement, including the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, the peace movement, and other progressive endeavors which create a more fair and just society for all; and
- WHEREAS, Each year since 1987, March has been designated as Women's History Month in our nation, and it is a time for all Kentuckians to learn more about the invaluable role women have had in the creation of our history;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this
24th day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two
Thousand Ten and in the 218th year of the
Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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